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FM AMCONSUL BUKAVU

TO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: CRS EMPLOYEE THREATENED IN BURUNDI

1. CRS REP BUKAVU, BOURASSA, TELLS US HIS CHAUFFEUR RETURNED FROM BUJUMBURA MARCH 15 WITH STORY THAT HIS LIFE WAS ENDANGERED BY ANGRY CROWD OF BURUNDIANS. CHAUFFEUR SAYS HE ARRIVED AS USUAL IN BUJUMBURA IN UN REGISTERED VEHICLE TO PICK UP SPARE PARTS AND STOPPED IN AS USUAL AT CRS OFFICE TO GET NECESSARY BURUNDIAN FRANCS.

CRS BUJUMBURA REP, COLIN CLARK, APPARENTLY TOLD HIM TO LEAVE THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY. HE LEFT AND WHILE DRIVING THROUGH TOWN WAS STOPPED BY ANGRY CROWD THREATENING TO KILL HIM FOR HELPING "ENEMIES OF THE STATE", POLICE INTERVENED AND ESCORTED HIM OUT OF TOWN. AGAIN AT BORDER ANGRY CROWD GATHERED AND MENACED HIM WITH MACHETES, BUT POLICE AND BORDER OFFICIALS GOT HIM THROUGH.

2. CHAUFFEUR RETURNED VERY SHAKEN BY EXPERIENCE. BOURASSA WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF EMBASSY OR CLARK CAN SHED ANY LIGHT ON WHY SUCH AN INCIDENT MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED. ALSO HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF CLARK USHERED CHAUFFEUR OUT OF OFFICE BECAUSE OF TROUBLE HE MAY BE HAVING WITH GOB AUTHORITIES DUE TO CRS WORK WITH REFUGEES IN UVIRA.

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3. PLEASE, PASS WORD TO CLARK THAT CRS ACCOUNTANT, MATTHEWS, WILL NOT VISIT BUJUMBURA BUT INSTEAD IS LEAVING HERE AND

PROCEEDING DIRECTLY TO NAIROBI.
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